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SUBJ: LABOR CONFRONTATION WITH GOVERNMENT: SITREP 1

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1. AT NOON LOCAL TIME SITUATION WAS AS FOLLOWS: A CROWD OF 40-50,000 PERSONS HAD GATHERED IN THE PLAZA DE MAYO. THOUSANDS MORE WERE REPORTED TO BE ON WAY TO PLAZA. RADIO REPORTS SAY THE GENERAL PAZ AVENUE, MAIN THOROUGHFARE AROUND FEDERAL CAPITAL, HAD BEEN CLOSED. THIS APPARENTLY A GOA ATTEMPT TO TRY TO HOLD DOWN SIZE OF DEMONSTRATION. MRS. PERON IS IN OLIVOS REPORTEDLY MEETING WITH CABINET. RUMORS ABOUND AS TO IMMINENT MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENTS OF GREAT MAGNITUDE. ONE HAS IT THAT MRS. PERON WILL RESIGN. ATMOSPHERE TENSE.

2. CROWD IN PLAZA IS CHANTING FOR PRESIDENT TO OUST LOPEZ REGA AND CELESTINO RODRIGO. MOOD IS UGLY AND COULD TURN UGLIER. ONE EXCELLENTEMBASSY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF THAT LABOR LEADERS TOLD HIM LST NIGHT THAT THEY HAVE OPTED TO FORCE SHOWDOWN WITH MRS. PERON ON LOPEZ REGA ISSUE AND WILL NOT BACK DOWN. THEY HAVE SAID THAT BEFORE, BUT EVIDENCE SO FAR SUGGESTS THAT THIS TIME THEY MAY MEAN TO BACK IT UP. MONTLLOR

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